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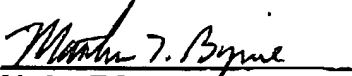


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Signature of Inventor 1  Steven L. VanFleet Date August 18, 2004	Signature of Inventor 2  John J. Mascavage Date	Signature of Inventor 3  Matthew T. Byrne Date 8/18/2004
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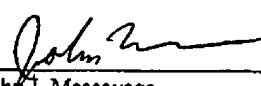
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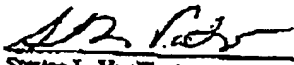
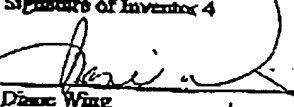
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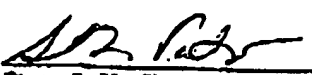
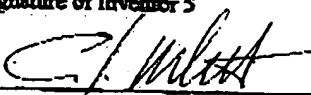
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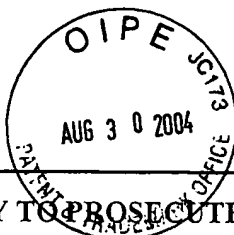
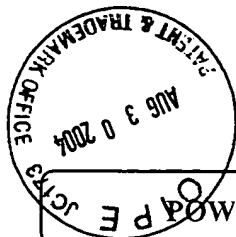
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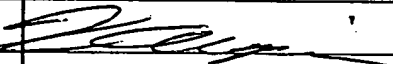
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